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(3) From The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident. F. 3(22)-42(W) d 21st June 42 intimating the appt of Br. Sundara Raj as A.R.W.L.O and requesting that he may be afforded such assistance as he may be required in connection with his duties.

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The liaison officer has already visited Blore. Mysore and Bhadravathi accompanied by the ARP officer Bangalore Dist. Air Raid Warning System. A copy of the Resident's letter with enclosure will be sent to the Chief ARP officer Bangalore Dist. and Controller Engineer Bhadravathi Iron & Steel Works for information. Submitted for perusal.

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(4) Issued 4561-65 dt 30th June 43 to the ARP officer Bangalore Dist. Controller Mysore Bhadravathi G. S. C. P. S.

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No.F.3(22)-42/W. SECRET.

From

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Bangalore 21st June 1943.

Air Raid Warning Liaison Officer.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that Diwan Bahadur Dr.B.Sundara Raj, M.A., Ph.D., has been appointed Air Raid Warning Liaison Officer for the Southern Army Area. His duties are set out in the enclosed copy of a note from the Civil Defence Department.

2. I am to request that the Liaison Officer may be afforded such assistance as he may require in connection with his duties.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

S E C R E T.

DUTIES OF AIR RAID WARNING LIAISON OFFICER.

GENERAL.

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2. Liaison Officers must have a thorough knowledge lf all Classified Towns, Vital Points and Warning Dissemination Centres on Railways (vide para. 13) in their areas and must ensure that only these places are included in order of importance in the Warning List at the Telephone Exchange or Telegraph Office from which warnings are disseminated.

3. Liaison Officers must have accurate maps showing the boundaries of Zones and Sub Zones and check Air Raid Warning Officers' maps accordingly.

Note. In R.A.F. Filter and Operations Rooms the maps cover only the areas over which the R.A.F. are operating and not necessarily the areas the Air Raid Warning should cover, and Liaison Officers must not, therefore, rely on the R.A.F. system as showing the whole area to be covered by the Warning System.

4. Liaison Officers must possess a thorough knowledge of all communication methods in use in their areas, both land lines and W/T, for the dissemination of Air Raid Warnings. Where, in the opinion of a Liaison Officer, a new land line circuit or other channel of communication such as W/T will improve the Air Raid Warning layout in his area, he will represent his case to the Service concerned - R.A.F., Military, P & T., Railway, etc., - if necessary referring the matter to the Civil Defence Department in order to obtain the necessary priority.

5. Liaison Officers must assist in the preparation of Warning Lists in the Pink and White areas within the Army Command to which they are posted in preparation for any extension of the Preliminary Warning Area.

6. The Liaison Officer concerned will ensure that arrangements for Warnings between Ceylon and the mainland are adequate.

LIAISON WITH MILITARY AND R.A.F.

7. Liaison Officers must know the exact location of R.A.F. Filter and Operations Rooms in their areas and satisfy themselves that the method of passing Air Raid Warnings from the Filter/Operations Room to the Warning Dissemination Centre meets the essential requirements of speed and accuracy. Liaison Officers must be in possession of an R.A.F. pass to enter a Filter or Operations Room within which Air Raid Warning Officers are situated.

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9. Air Raid Warning Officers are under military control and are not under the control of Liaison Officers who are, however, free to give information and make suggestions to them.

LIAISON WITH POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.

10. Liaison Officers must visit all Telephone Exchanges and see that the staff have full instructions which they understand of the action to be taken on receipt of a Warning Message; e.g.all normal traffic to be interrupted, trunk warnings to be sent out three or more at a time and not singly.

11. Liaison Officers must visit all Telegraph Offices and see that they are in possession of all the necessary warning lists, in case of a break down in the telephone communications. They must also satisfy themselves

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that the organization in the Telegraph Offices for dealing with warning messages, in such an emergency, is satisfactory and known by all the staff concerned.

12. Liaison Officers should in particular make the acquaintance of the Chairman and members of such of the following Departmental Tele-communications Boards as are in their respective areas:-

D.T.Board, North-East India, Calcutta, Chairman - Director of Telegraphs, Calcutta.
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D.T.Board, North-West India, Lahore, Chairman - Director of Telegraphs, Lahore.
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The P.& T.Department, the Army, the Royal Air Force and (except on the Central India and North West India Boards) the Navy are represented on these Boards, whose function it is to discuss and advise upon all matters relating to Telecommunications in so far as co-operation between the Civil and Defence Services is necessary. The Posts and Telegraphs Member of the Board is responsible for putting forward the demands of all other Civil Administrations. It will frequently save much time and trouble for Liaison Officers to discuss controversial matters with the relevant D.T.Board.

LIAISON WITH RAILWAYS.

13. Liaison Officers must obtain from the Railways concerned a complete list showing how Stations, Marshalling Yards, etc., are grouped for Air Raid Warning purposes, and ensure that the Warning Dissemination Centres on Railways are given their appropriate priority in the warning lists held at Dissemination Centres and Telephone Exchanges. As up to recently warnings have been given out to Zones and Sub-Zones and not to individual towns many of these Warning Dissemination Central on Railways may not have been included.

14. Where Warnings from Air Raid Warning Dissemination Centres are transmitted over railway wires, Liaison Officers should visit all Railway Offices concerned, satisfy themselves that the staff know their work, check up the time messages take to get through, and take necessary steps to correct any unnecessary time lag.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 4561-5654/42. General & Revenue Secretariat, Bangalore, dated 30th June 1943.

From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

D. Ch. P, A.R.P. Officer Bangalore, A.R.P. Controller Mysore, Dy. S.P. Badravati or G.S.P.S.

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